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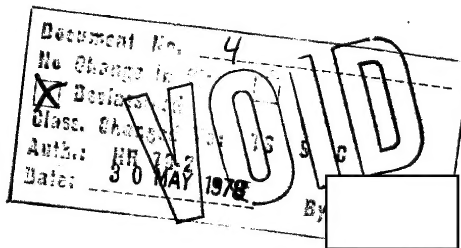
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1. General Koca Popovic, Chief of the Yugoslav General Staff, is reportedly taking an active part in directing Yugoslav policy towards Albania. He personally directed efforts to foment rebellion in the Elbasan area.

2. Popovic also staged the fake "escape" from Yugoslavia of one of his trusted subordinates, Colonel Janko Vujacic, who was sent to Albania to seek a rapprochement with Enver Hoxha. Vujacic crossed the frontier under heavy fire from Yugoslav frontier guards, and surrendered himself to the Albanian authorities as an enemy of Marshal Tito. The Soviet Intelligence Service discovered the true purpose of his mission and his arrest was ordered by General Kovpak, Chief of the Soviet Military Mission in Albania. Five days after crossing the frontier, Vujacic was arrested and flown to Moscow under escort. This quick action created considerable impression on Hoxha, who inferred that every move of Tito and his advisors was known to the Soviets.

3. Popovic is in bad repute with Moscow because he completed his military education in various Western European academies, a fact which has earned him the reputation of being pro-West. Furthermore, he was instrumental in purging pro-Cominform members from the Yugoslav Army, thus depriving the Soviets of many of their informants.

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